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25X1 1. [ ] Accompanied Mr. Bruce Clarke and Mr.

25X1A [ ] of OSR, to a briefing of the Senate Preparedness Sub-committee staff. This was a continuation of our briefing of the Soviet and Chinese threat. Messrs. Kendall, Harper, Shaw, and Gilleas were present from the Subcommittee staff. Mr. Clarke covered Soviet ABM systems and air defenses and Chinese Communist advanced weapons. At the conclusion of the briefing Mr. Kendall indicated that he would like for the Preparedness staff to be briefed on the topics originally scheduled for the Director's briefing of the full Armed Services Committee. I told Kendall I would check on this and be back in touch with him. (I would propose that following the Director's briefing of the combined CIA Subcommittees on Friday, we would brief the Preparedness staff with the same text used by the Director.)

25X1 2. [ ] Met with William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and reviewed with him topics of the Director's briefing of the combined CIA Subcommittees on Friday. Woodruff said this should be considered as a world roundup-type briefing but thought emphasis should be placed on the situation in the Middle East and the Berlin problem. He said the Director should also be prepared to discuss threshold countries, the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the Agency's role in the Pueblo operation and the subject of missiles in Cuba.

25X1 3. [ ] As a result of several phone conversations with Messrs. Woodruff and Braswell, we confirmed plans for the Director's appearance before a joint session of the Senate CIA Subcommittees of Armed Services and Appropriations for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, 21 February. Braswell mentioned that representatives of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee might be invited to attend, but he was not sure who these might be. Braswell indicated Soviet and ChiCom offensive and defensive strategic weapons and the Middle East situations should be covered, and there would probably also be considerable interest in any matters bearing on the current NPT controversy and the attitude and effectiveness of our NATO allies.

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25X1 8. [ ] Called Mr. Paul Woodard, Chief Counsel, Constitutional Rights Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, to say Mr. Houston and I would appreciate a chance to meet with Senator Ervin in the near future to discuss certain aspects of his recently introduced bill. Mr. Woodard said the Chairman was out of town until Wednesday but he would take the matter up with the Chairman at the first opportunity and advise.

25X1 9. [ ] Left with Miss Judy Liffman, on the staff of Senator Charles E. Goodell (R., N. Y.), a number of FBIS items commenting on the Senator's trip to Nigeria.

25X1 10. [ ] Left with C. B. Morrison, on the staff of Senator Allen Ellender (D., La.), an FBIS item containing the text of a Moscow comment on Senator Ellender's recent statement regarding the strengthening of NATO countries.

11. (Unclassified - GLC) Left with Senator Claiborne Pell's (D., R. I.) office, an FBIS Prague radio item commenting on the Senator's trip to Czechoslovakia.

25X1 12. [ ] Made arrangements for Mr. Bruce Clarke, OSR, to resume his briefing of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee staff on the Soviet and Communist Chinese threat on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

25X1 13. [ ] By way of follow-up to a contact made by Mrs. Avery, on the staff of Representative John N. Happy Camp (R., Okla.), STATOTHR  
25X1A to [ ] of Graphics Division, I advised Mrs. Avery that information concerning the case of [ ] could best be obtained by contact with Mr. LaVerne D. Miller, in the Bureau of Personnel, Navy Department. Mrs. Avery thanked me for this assistance.

25X1 14. [ ] Left with Richard Cook, Administrative Assistant in the office of Senator Gale W. McGee (D., Wyo.), some FBIS items of interest to the Senator.

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25X1 13. [ ] Accompanied Mr. Bruce Clarke and Mr.  
25X1A [ ], of OSR, to a briefing of the Senate Preparedness Sub-  
committee staff on the strategic threat. Present from the Subcommittee  
staff were Messrs. Kendall, Harper, and Gilleas. The briefing was  
delayed because of the necessity of Kendall and Harper to meet with Senator  
Stennis. Subjects covered included Soviet offensive missiles, submarines,  
and bombers. It was agreed that we would meet again sometime next week  
to resume the briefing covering the Soviet ABM system, fighters, and  
Communist China.

25X1 14. [ ] Hand carried to Dorothy Fosdick, on the  
staff of the Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International  
Operations, a copy of Admiral Turner Joy's book How the Communist's  
Negotiate. Miss Fosdick was most grateful for our assistance, since they  
had been unable to locate a copy of this book through the Library of Congress,  
local book stores, or the Macmillan Publishing Company.

Later in the day, Miss Fosdick again requested our assistance  
in obtaining copies of two other books: Communist China in World Politics  
by Harold C. Hinton and The First Vietnam Crisis by Melvin Gurtov.

25X1 15. [ ] Met with William Spell, Staff Assistant to  
Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.), and left with him unclassified basic  
material on the Middle East countries as an outgrowth of our briefing of  
Spell a short time ago. Spell was most grateful for this material and said  
it would be extremely useful to him in working for the Senator in this area.

Talked with Spell, at some length, about our problem with the  
Ervin bill (S. 782). Spell recalled the problem from last year and was  
sympathetic to our situation. In this connection, he thought it might be  
useful for us to allude to the problem which selective service offices are  
having as a result of a provision in the Selective Service Act which permits  
a draft registrant to examine his selective service file. Spell pointed out  
that dissident groups are creating a real problem by utilizing this provision  
in the law to harass selective service offices and have practically brought  
the work of these offices to a standstill in the state of California. Spell  
agreed that Senator McClellan (D., Ark.) might be very helpful to us in  
solving our problems with this legislation.

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25X1 9. [ ] Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, on the 25X1A  
staff of the House Appropriations Committee, and discussed lightly the  
request of the Office of the Secretary of Defense representatives that [ ]  
OSR, be authorized to brief the Independent Offices of the Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Soviet civil defense. Mr. Michaels advised that this  
matter should be cleared with the Chairman and he would be pleased  
to raise it with him on his return next week. He has no doubt, however,  
of the Chairman's opposition of Agency utilization of personnel for such  
briefings.

25X1 10. [ ] Met with Senator Jack Miller (R., Iowa) 25X1A  
concerning the selective service case of [ ] OSI. The  
Senator was most helpful in his remarks and asked that I meet with him  
further on this matter after his return to the city on Friday. (See  
Memorandum for the Record.)

25X1 11. [ ] Inasmuch as it has developed that the 25X1A  
suggestion of sending NIS's to the House Foreign Affairs Committee  
actually originated in the State Department, I suggested to [ ]  
that the Agency take a firm position in opposition to this idea. I suggested,  
25X1A however, that [ ] would want to raise this at a higher level  
within the DDI. 25X1A

25X1 12. [ ] In response to his inquiry regarding the  
status of the application of [ ]  
I advised Mr. Orin Briggs, on the staff of Senator Strom Thurmond (R., S. Car.),  
that we had thoroughly reviewed [ ] application (which had been submitted 25X1A  
[ ] but had no openings which would be  
of interest to him. I told Briggs our Personnel Director would be writing  
25X1A to [ ] to this effect within the next few days. Briggs said [ ] had another 25X1A  
possibility in mind and was interested in knowing the Agency's reaction to  
his application.

25X1 13. [ ] Colonel Everett Harper, on the staff of the  
Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, called and asked if we would be sure  
to have Mr. Bruce Clarke, OSR, prepare to discuss ChiCom radar capa-  
bilities when he briefs the Subcommittee staff on Thursday. This message  
has been relayed to Mr. Clarke.

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25X1 3. [ ] Arranged with Carolyn Naff, Legislative Assistant to Senator William B. Spong (D., Va.), for the Senator to be briefed at 2:00 p.m., 5 February, by [ ] on the political and economic situations in the Middle East, in preparation for the Senator's upcoming trip to that area. 25X1A

25X1 4. [ ] Following the breakfast session for freshmen Congressmen, Representative William Alexander (D., Ark.) expressed an interest in a tour of the building. He was taken through the Agency library to the Historical Intelligence Staff, where he was briefed by Mr. Pforzheimer, and to the Ops Center, where he was briefed and given a tour by [ ] 25X1A  
25X1A [ ] Mr. Alexander appeared quite interested and remained in the building until approximately 10:30.

25X1 5. [ ] James Kendall, Staff Director of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, called and said he would like to have Bruce Clarke brief the Subcommittee staff on the strategic threat as he had done last year. The staff is interested in this briefing prior to receiving formal briefings by both the Director and the Secretary of Defense on military posture. Kendall said he would like to have emphasis placed on the major issues which have developed since a similar briefing given the staff last year particularly ICBMs and the MRV program. I told Kendall I would check on this and be in touch with him.

25X1 6. [ ] Met with Robert Locklin, Administrative Assistant to Senator John Sparkman, regarding the Senator's referral of a sealed letter from [ ] I told Locklin that [ ] was [ ] 25X1A  
25X1A [ ] I told him we had been in touch with [ ] by phone and were arranging to see him during his current stay in Washington. I told him that for [ ] protection we would prefer not to put anything in writing regarding our contact with him. I then described the general approach through the DCS offices in matters of this sort. 25X1A

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate  
Armed Services Committee, Re S. 782

25X1A 1. [ ] and I called on Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, to advise him of our concern over the reintroduction of the Ervin bill (S. 782 - Constitutional Rights of Federal Employees). We made the following points:

a. the bill in its present form, identical to the version which passed the Senate by overwhelming vote in the last session, presents the most serious problems to certain security safeguards and management procedures which we feel the Agency must maintain if the Director is to discharge his statutory responsibilities;

b. we are reluctant to stir things up at this stage lest we be accused of "lobbying" but wished to ensure that all proper and feasible measures are examined to exempt the Agency from the more troublesome provisions of this bill;

c. one course would be to seek either specific or general exemptions from the application of the bill, and another would be an amendment authorizing the President to grant exemptions for certain agencies or categories of personnel involved in sensitive activities;

d. because we want to take care not to move too rapidly and stir things up on the one hand, or allow the bill to slip by without adequately presenting our case on the other, we would appreciate Mr. Braswell taking a discreet reading on its prospects.

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2. Mr. Braswell expressed the view that it would be hard to get most senior senators, especially influential ones such as Stennis or Russell to "take on" their good friend Senator Ervin in a major confrontation. Our initial effort should probably be to attempt to reason further with Senator Ervin himself and get him to better understand our problem and perhaps find a compromise which would serve our purposes without appearing to be a public retreat or defeat for Senator Ervin. Regarding timing, Braswell said one question was whether Committee hearings would be held and the matter referred to various departments for comment, or whether these steps would be dispensed with in view of the fact that they had already been covered during the last Congress. Braswell said he would look into this also and keep us advised, adding he would appreciate a blind, backup memo summarizing our main points. This we promised to provide.

3. In parting, Mr. Braswell commented that the Committee had still not completed its organizational arrangements and he could not predict when they would wish a briefing from the Director, but we should expect intensive questioning on Soviet ABM and ICBM development, since the Sentinel issue was of major concern to many Committee members.

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cc:

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1 - Mr. Bannerman  
1 - Mr. Houston  
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